

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are pending.

Claim 6 was previously cancelled.

Claim 7 is cancelled herein.

Claims 1-5, and 8 are currently amended herein.

New Claims 9 and 10 are presented.

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A locking system for releasably attaching a first workpiece to a second workpiece comprising:

an opening in said first workpiece for receiving a unitary screw-collar ring assembly comprising:

a screw member having a threaded first end threaded in a first direction[,] and an opposite head end, and

a collar ring member having an inner ring aperture and external threads, said collar ring member rotatingly coupled to and affixed about [a] said opposite head of said screw member to retain said opposite head in said inner ring aperture of said collar ring member and hold said screw member and said collar ring member as a unitary assembly; and

complimentary locking threads in said opening in said first workpiece for engaging said collar ring member to said first workpiece at said head such that axial and rotational movement of said screw member is restricted when said first workpiece is affixed to said second workpiece by urging and rotating said threaded first end of

said screw member into said second workpiece, said
complimentary locking threads threaded in a second direction
opposite said first threaded direction of said screw member.

2. (Currently amended) The locking system of claim 1, wherein said opposite head end
of said screw member is substantially spherical.
3. (Currently amended) The locking system of claim 2 wherein said threaded collar ring
member has a concave screw head retaining cavity, said substantially spherical opposite
head end of said screw adapted to be rotatably secured within said cavity.
4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a wrench having an
outer body with outwardly extending blades and an inner rod rotatably extending through
an inner passage of said body, said rod having a screw face portion extending beyond a
base of said body and adapted to engage said opposite head end of said screw
member, said blades adapted to engage a slot in a top face of said collar ring.
5. (Currently amended) A fastener system for releasably joining a first workpiece to a
second workpiece comprising:

a unitary screw-collar ring assembly comprising:

a screw member having a head and a threaded body section, said head
having a top surface, an underlying shoulder, and screw-tool receiving cavity a
~~top section~~ to facilitate rotation of said screw; and

a locking collar ring coupled to and rotatably affixed about said top
surface and said underlying shoulder of said head of said screw, said locking
collar ring having a top surface, a top opening, a collar-tool receiving slot, a
bottom opening, a smooth, inner cavity, and a threaded outer wall, said threaded
outer wall cooperating with a complimentary threaded inner surface of a collar

screw-collar ring assembly receiving opening in said first workpiece to releasably secure said ~~collar~~ screw-collar ring assembly in said first workpiece when said locking collar ring is rotated in said ~~collar~~ screw-collar ring assembly receiving opening in a first direction of rotation, said inner cavity adapted to surround and rotatingly retain ~~and hold~~ said head of said screw in said inner cavity of said locking ring collar and hold said screw member and said locking ring as a unitary assembly with said screw-tool receiving cavity ~~head-top-section~~ exposed through said top opening of said locking collar ring and said threaded body section of said screw member extending outwardly from said bottom opening of said locking collar ring sufficiently to engage and join said second workpiece when said threaded body section of said screw member is rotatably urged against said second workpiece in a second direction of rotation, opposite said first direction of rotation of said screw-collar ring assembly ~~roller~~ in said ~~collar~~ screw-collar ring assembly receiving opening.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A fastener system of claim 5 further comprising a wrench having an outer body with outwardly extending blades, an inner rod rotatably extending through an inner passage of said body, said rod having a face portion extending beyond a base of said body and adapted to engage said tool receiving cavity ~~top-section~~ of said head of said screw member, said blades adapted to engage a slot in said top surface of said locking collar ring.

9. (New) The locking system of claim 1 wherein said opposite head end of said screw member has a circumferential concave groove.

10. (New) The locking system of claim 9 wherein said threaded collar ring member has a convex screw head retaining cavity, said circumferential concave groove adapted to be rotatably secured within said convex screw head retaining cavity.